

10 December 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Training

SUBJECT : The Information Science Center:  
Non-Intelligence Community Students  
and the Charter

1. The Information Science Center was established to provide training for the Intelligence Community. Since its inception, however, non-Community students have attended various courses--three Secret Service agents, two officers from the Army Investigative Service, two military officers from the Joint Chiefs of Staff, one Marine Corps officer, an officer from the Atomic Energy Commission, and one from the Treasury Department. A total of 10 in 5 years.

2. In August 1973, guidance was requested on approving the application of a Secret Service agent for a course. On the advice of the Legal Counsel, relating to the political environment at that time, the application was not accepted; but a year later, the DCI did approve a follow-up request. The policy at present is that all requests for attendance from personnel of agencies or departments involved in law enforcement must be submitted for approval by the DCI on a case-by-case basis.

3. Throughout its evolution, the Information Science Center has been consistently referred to as a training activity for Intelligence Community personnel. The ISC "charter" is derived from the following:

a. In a memorandum for the President dated 15 June 1965, the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board recommended, among other things, that specialized training be provided for selected members of the departments and agencies comprising the Intelligence Community where, "...systems thinking and systems skills are understood and imparted...." At the time it was presumed that this could be accomplished at a university center or a similar activity, and that the specialized systems training would address primarily information handling problems. It was this recommendation which led ultimately to the establishment of the Information Science Center.

b. The Director of Central Intelligence was informed of the President's approval of the PFIAB recommendation by a memorandum from McGeorge Bundy on 15 July 1965. The memorandum requested that the recommendation be carried out, "...by the Intelligence Community under your coordination...."

c. The United States Intelligence Board assigned the Committee on Documentation the task of recommending how this should be done. The Committee (CODIB) published a report, "Information Science Training for Intelligence Community Personnel," on 2 February 1967. CODIB recommended a spectrum of training including, specifically, that the Director, DIA, develop and provide specialized courses at the Defense Intelligence School to train Community personnel in the application of information science technology to specific intelligence problems. It was intended that these courses bridge the gap between course coverage at other training facilities (colleges and universities primarily) and the practical environment of intelligence operations.

d. The DCI requested the Secretary of Defense to undertake this recommendation for the DIS on a priority basis on 25 March 1967, the same day that USIB approved the CODIB report.

e. On 18 June 1967, Secretary Vance requested the Director, DIS, to develop the specialized courses and to commence presenting the courses in FY 1969. This memorandum of 18 June further advised that the requirement for both types of training, i.e., courses at the DIS and graduate study in universities, should be incorporated in the qualification standards for selected positions in the DoD Intelligence Career Development Program.

f. The Director, DIA, in a memorandum of 26 December 1967, "...established the Information Science Center...effective on this date." The Chief of the ISC was to report directly to the Director, DIA.

g. Subsequent to the establishment of the ISC, guidance was developed relating to the content of the initial courses to be presented and the need for additional courses by the Director, DIA, and the Chairman of the Intelligence Handling Committee of USIB. Courses were developed and presented by instructors from the Intelligence Community at DIS facilities.

h. On 3 February 1972, the Deputy Director of DIA notified USIB that budget and manpower constraints were so severe that DIA would have to close the ISC by 30 June 1972.

4. CIA Executive Director, William Colby, on 23 May 1972, proposed that CIA manage the ISC, using DIS facilities through FY 1973. The ISC was formally adopted in the Office of Training on 6 November 1972, and the ISC was physically relocated to OTR in August 1973.



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attached memo makes it clear that requests for attendance by personnel from law enforcement agencies are to be approved by the DCI on a case-by-case basis. As to requests received from other personnel from non-intelligence agencies, I suggest that this Office review them on an individual basis, looking more favorably on applicants from intelligence-related activities--providing space is available--and rejecting any which may come from activities which have nothing to do with intelligence work.

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/s/ Jack B.

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